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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: **Sunday, October 16, 2005 5:10 p.m.**
Date/Time of Occurrence: **Thursday, October 6, 2005**
Nature of Call: **Air & Ground Search Continues For Missing Woman**
Location of Call: **West Placer County**
Case Number: **SO-05-14745**
Released by: **George Malim, Lieutenant 530-889-7862**

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Dozens of searchers from both the air and the ground intensified the search Sunday for Christie Wilson, the Sacramento woman who was reported missing October 6.

Helicopter crews from SMART, the Sacramento Multi-agency Aviation Response Team, searched the west Placer County area Sunday afternoon for signs of the missing 27-year-old last seen October 5 at the Thunder Valley Casino near Lincoln. Air crews from the Placer and Sacramento County Sheriff's Departments, along with the Sacramento Metro Fire Department, each searched separate areas for Wilson.

Also Sunday, ground-searchers from Placer County Sheriff's Search and Rescue drove in two-member teams, along with a scent dog, from Baseline Road north to the Bear River, and Fiddymont Road west to the Sutter County line. They drove all vehicle-accessible areas, stopping in many locations to see if the dog picked up on Wilson's scent. No signs of Wilson were found. Helicopters will also be flying over all area rivers.

Detectives spent Sunday following up on leads and compiling all the information received last week. From that information, a plan for the coming week was formulated.

Casino videotape shows Wilson walking from the casino with Mario Flavio Garcia, a 53-year-old Auburn man. Garcia was arrested Friday evening by Placer County Sheriff's detectives on weapons charges unrelated to the missing woman. He is considered a person of interest in the missing-persons case. Wilson and Garcia were seen on video gambling together for five to six hours on October 5. Preliminary tests revealed that hair found inside Garcia's car could be Wilson's. The Department of Justice is performing further DNA testing on the hair. Garcia is being held on \$1 million bail at the Placer County Jail.

Anyone with information on Wilson's whereabouts is urged to contact the Placer County Sheriff's Department at (530) 889-7867.

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